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Results or 7 August briefing by CAF DCS/Intelligence follow:

6 August. CAF activities included F-86 patrols over Kinmen and Matsu areas and RF-84 recon of Lung Tien, Hui An and Sha Ti. Photos reveal 250 vehicles on Lung Tiem and 9 trucks at radar station NE of Lung Tien. Also one additional AAA revetment with 8 guns plus 9 trucks at Sha Ti.

Comment: CAF officers are now saying that attack on newly occupied mainland coastal airfields cannot be made for political reason, but if Matsu and Kinmen are attack CAF will be used in defense of these islands. Present orders to CAF fighter patrols are to avoid engagement if possible. Reason given is (1) To avoid being drawn into bigger international incident (2) To avoid depletion of CAF by continuing small attritions. Burning question in CAF mind is what will USAF do in defense of Taiwan or preparation for same if CAF is forced into active defense of off shore islands?

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